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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY INVESTIGATION -- FOOTWEAR
FROM TAIWAN

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER MAILED JANUARY 12 FROM
RICHARD SELF, ACTING DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF TARIFF AFFAIRS
IN TREASURY, TO T.W. HU, ECONOMIC COUNSELOR ROC EMBASSY.
BEGIN TEXT.

DEAR MR. HU,

THIS IS FURTHER TO OUR CONVERSATIONS RELATING TO THE
COUNTERVAILING DUTY ORDER AGAINST IMPORTED FOOTWEAR
FROM THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA. AS YOU KNOW, THE TREASURY
HAS ISSUED AN AFFIRMATIVE COUNTERVAILING DUTY DECISION
BASED ON THE POSSIBILITY THAT FOOTWEAR FACILITIES IN TAIWAN
RECEIVE BENEFITS UNDER THE STATUTE FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT
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OF INVESTMENT.

IT HAS COME TO MY ATTENTION THROUGH OUR EMBASSY IN TAIPEI THAT OFFICIALS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT INFORMED OUR EMBASSY THAT THERE ARE NO FOOTWEAR FACILITIES WHO ARE QUALIFYING ENTERPRISES UNDER THE 1975 STATUTE FOR ENCOURAGEMENT OF INVESTMENT. IF THIS IS THE CASE AND IT CAN BE SHOWN THAT

NO FOOTWEAR FACILITIES ARE RECEIVING LINGERING BENEFITS FROM HAVING QUALIFIED UNDER THIS STATUTE IN PREVIOUS YEARS, THE TREASURY WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO REVOKE THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY ORDER.

IN ORDER TO PROPERLY RESOLVE THIS MATTER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE A COMMUNICATION FROM YOUR GOVERNMENT INDICATING THAT NO FOOTWEAR FACILITIES ARE QUALIFYING ENTERPRISES UNDER THE STATUTE FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF INVESTMENT NOR ARE THEY RECEIVING BENEFITS UNDER THAT LAW AS THE RESULT OF HAVING BEEN A QUALIFYING ENTERPRISE IN PREVIOUS YEARS. SHOULD IT BE DISCOVERED THAT SOME FOOTWEAR FACILITIES CONTINUE TO RECEIVE SUCH BENEFITS WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THE NAMES OF THOSE MANUFACTURERS.

I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU ON THIS MATTER AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME.

SINCERELY YOURS,

RICHARD SELF END TEXT.

2. TREASURY FEARS THAT GROC MAY BE UNDER IMPRESSION THAT A FACILITY THAT QUALIFIED UNDER THE STATUTE IN PREVIOUS YEARS BUT DOES NOT RECEIVE BENEFITS PRESENTLY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE COUNTERVAILING DUTY ORDER. THIS IS NOT THE CASE. OUR ONLY CONCERN IS WITH THOSE FACILITIES WHICH PRESENTLY QUALIFY UNDER THE STATUTE OR WHICH ENJOY RESIDUAL BENEFITS FROM HAVING QUALIFIED IN PREVIOUS YEARS.

3. TREASURY WILL FORWARD A LIST OF QUESTIONS FOR CUSTOMS REP SHOULD IT BE DISCOVERED THAT THERE ARE FOOTWEAR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FACILITIES WHICH FALL INTO THE CATEGORIES DESCRIBED ABOVE.
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